

## Snow Trains Bring Huge Crowds

### 3-Day Carnival To Start Friday

CARNIVAL PLANS SET FOR  
FEBRUARY 10, 11 AND 12

Probably what was the most colorful and jolly crowd ever to come to Grayling for winter sports was that of last Sunday. The noon train brot in 596 paid passengers from Flint, which was followed an hour later by the Detroit train with 725 passengers. And thruout the day autos were arriving in great numbers.

The day was perfect for winter sports and a large crowd of Graylingites with Queen Frances and her court were on hand to greet the visitors. And Grayling's school band set the crowd stepping as they alighted from the trains. These youngsters, under direction of Herbert Rowland, amazed everyone when it was learned that they had only been organized since October. It is a fine musical organization of which the people of Grayling, besides the schools, have much pride.

Big buses and trucks soon whisked the crowds to the winter park and skates, skis and toboggans were soon in full activity. The Flint train was sponsored by the Flint Chamber of Commerce and carried officials of that organization including the secretary, Norman Hill, former secretary to ex-Governor Frank Murphy. Railroad officials stated a great number of fans were turned away at the station in Flint due to lack of space on the 13-car train carrying nearly 600 people.

The Detroit train was also 13 cars long and contained approximately 700 enthusiasts. Weather conditions were ideal, and the Winter Sports park contained a crowd estimated at more than 3,000, that took advantage of the glassy-smooth skating rink and the fast, breath-taking toboggan slides.

**Hikers On Train**  
Temperatures hovered a little below freezing, and a slight wind brought color to thousands of cheeks that already were flushed with the thrill of speeding down 2,000 feet of toboggan chutes all afternoon.

The Detroit train carried one car filled with Detroit News hikers, members of Unit Six. The Hike Club of Flint also had a group on their train.

Winter Sports Queen Frances Entsminger and her court greeted train arrivals, and the Grayling school band again made the frost-laden air ring with stirring music. Officials of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., anticipated a record-breaking crowd for the annual Snow Carnival next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th, 11th and 12th. Workmen are busy preparing additional toboggan troughs to accommodate the huge throngs who have so far taxed the capacity of the chutes now in operation.

**3 Snow Trains Scheduled**  
Three snow trains are expected next Sunday, two from Detroit and one from Bay City and Saginaw, sponsored by the Kirby Travel Bureau and Jack Davis, of Bay City, respectively.

### SATURDAY IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER

If you are a registered voter in the City of Grayling it is NOT necessary that you register again in order to vote at the special election to be held here February 20th on the question of the city establishing a municipal electric light and power plant. However if you did not register last fall for the primary or regular election, when there was a general re-registration, and have not done so since that time, you MUST register on or before next Saturday in order to vote at the special election.

Don't lose your vote by not being registered.

### Rooms Wanted

Anyone having rooms for rent during this week end, please notify Shoppenagons Inn.

Phone 55

### Winter Sports Notes

Associate Editor Earl Chapman headed a group of executives and other employees of the Flint Journal.

Among those here Sunday were Ed Lewis, promoter, Lou Markowitz, publicity director and Lou Newman, matchmaker, all of the Arena Gardens, Detroit. These men were guests of "Birdie" Tebbetts and "Spike" McNeven.

The pleasure of the skaters was stimulated when Donald G. Vize and Bob Fisher, skating instructors of Traverse City took charge. There was skating in single, double and triple files, platoons, groups, and other formations, including whirlingigs. The crowd liked it and seemed to be having a great time. Mr. Jack Sanders of Traverse City of the sound booth didn't miss a note and provided skating music by some of the leading composers. Some of the records were loaned to the Winter Sports committee by the Arena Gardens of Detroit.

Mr. Sanders of the sound booth was kept busy announcing "lost" and "found", including husbands and wives and sweethearts. He was very generous in accommodating every request for aid.

The annual winter carnival starts next Friday. The queen's banquet usually scheduled for that night was given Wednesday evening instead and was sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

All plans for activities of the Snow Queen and her court are under the supervision of the Queen's committee comprised of Mrs. Stanley Stealy, chairman, Mrs. William Hill, Miss Margaret Bauman, Mrs. Frank Bond and Miss Eleanor Tumath.

Coronation ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 and will be held in the high school auditorium. An elaborate ceremony is in the making.

Snow trains from Detroit, Bay City and Saginaw and Flint are scheduled for next Sunday. Big crowds are expected from each city.

The Flint train last Sunday carried 596 paid passengers; the Detroit train had 721. There were 13 coaches on each train.

The toboggan slides were taxed to capacity last Sunday, when there were 4,731 slides down the slippery ice lanes. It is expected that two additional slides will be put into operation for next Sunday.

Don't forget the queen's ball at the school gym next Saturday evening.

Some of the Boy Scouts' snowmen fared badly Sunday when rowdies seemed to take delight in pushing them over or knocking off the heads. While some of the snowman attempts were anything but good, still there are a number that show excellent taste and skill in construction.

The saddle ski contest scheduled for Sunday afternoon promises to be an exciting affair. It will take place near the small ski jump at 3:00 p. m.

The decorations at the winter park are more beautiful this year than at any time in its history. There are hundreds of small Christmas trees thruout the grounds; arches are wound with cedar and the ice castle is the most classical ever presented. Last Sunday the latter was but about a third completed, still it awed the spectators by its grandeur. When completed, which will be this week, its color and lighting effects should prove wonderful. Near the entrance to the park, members of Hartwick Pines CCC camp are building a huge snowman.

Whether the day is stinging cold or moderate, the shelter buildings are adequate to take care of the crowds, where they may get warm and rest if desired.

### H. S. Basketball

Feb. 10—Charlevoix	
*Feb. 17—Kalkaska	
*Feb. 24—Roscommon	
• Games at Home	

## GRAYLING WINTER QUEEN AND HER COURT



Left to right, front row:—Norberta Weiss, Pauline Merrill, Hazel Wilkins. Top row:—Gloria Ann LaMotte, Queen Frances Entsminger, Roberta Austin

## Big Crowd At Mass Meeting Tues.

### ZEELAND MEN TELL OF THEIR EXPERIENCES

Grayling Chamber of Commerce held a mass meeting Tuesday evening at Temple theatre for the purpose of enabling the public to hear talks on the proposed municipal electric plant for Grayling.

President Harley Russell was in charge of the meeting and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Garrett N. Clark, city attorney of Zeeland, a city of about 2,500. Mr. Clark told of some of the things Zeeland was proud of, one of which was their municipal electric plant. He explained that the city officials and the general public was in no way dissatisfied with the service the Consumers Power Co. was providing them, except there was complaint about the rates charged.

A special election was held and carried and now the people of Zeeland are enjoying the best of electric service with no interruptions, and with steady, continuous electricity, at a great saving in cost. Their rates start with 4¢ for the first 50 kwh and drops to 2½¢ and 1½¢. They have operated their plant since October, 1937. In competition with the Consumers Co. they get more than 80% of the electric business in Zeeland. In fact they started out with one Diesel engine and generator and have had to increase this unit to three engines and generators.

A VanKoeveering, publisher of the Zeeland Record, told of how he at first was skeptical over the proposal to construct the municipal electric plant and, before he endorsed it, made a trip to Lansing in order to inspect the records in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission and found that his people had been paying far too much for their electric service. Three large

electric public utility companies operate in or near Zeeland and their effort to purchase electricity from them at wholesale failed. Then he said he was convinced that a municipal plant was justified. The success of the plant has exceeded his expectations. Even the first year and in spite of buying their plant piecemeal, it has given them brilliant street lights, excellent power and first class service and besides they made a handsome profit.

Garret P. Rooks, city superintendent of Zeeland, gave a resume of the operations of their municipal plant, and answered many questions. Mr. Norris of the engineering firm of Ayers, Lewis, Norris, and May, explained how that firm had secured its information regarding Grayling and based their opinion that Grayling should own and operate its own municipal light and power plant. He answered many questions.

All these talks were just plain discussions of the question that is soon to be voted on by the people. No attempt was made at high powered salesmanship. Knowing Mr. VanKoeveering of Zeeland as we do, his words alone would convince us that the election should carry in favor of municipal ownership. We know positively that he wouldn't make a statement that would be questioned by anyone who knows him, and especially the people of Zeeland who know him so well.

### GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1939  
Danish service: 11 a. m.  
Confirmation class meets Saturday, 9:00 a. m. at the parsonage.  
—Rev. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

## Queen's Ball, School Gym Next Sat. Night

The annual Queen's Ball will be held Saturday evening at the high school gymnasium, with music furnished by the Melody Makers of Lake City. At 7 o'clock the coronation ceremony will take place and promises to be one of the highlights of Grayling's annual Winter Sports Carnival.

Grayling's lovely Snow Queen Frances Entsminger, crowned in white net and tulle, will be followed to the throne by the court pages, who will be Norma Lee Crawford and Betty Jean Mathewson. The queen's court will include Pauline Merrill, maid-in-waiting, Roberta Austin, Gloria LaMotte, and Norberta Weiss.

The gown worn by the queen will be a white, long-sleeved, floor-length dress, with a full skirt and a high collar. The court pages will wear white dresses with full skirts and high collars. The queen's court will include Pauline Merrill, maid-in-waiting, Roberta Austin, Gloria LaMotte, and Norberta Weiss.

Queen Frances is very unfortunate to be without one of the members of her court, Hazel Wilkins, who was taken to Mercy Hospital Saturday and submitted to an appendectomy. The building of the throne for the coronation is in progress under the supervision of Joseph Strupe, manual arts teacher. The admission price for the ball is 50¢ per person. You are welcome in your Winter Sports costumes or anything you may care to wear.

**Hi Ho Saying**  
"Our sorrows are part of our lives," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chilton. "He who seeks to run away from his troubles is trying to run away from himself."

**Cabinet Members' Terms**  
There is no fixed tenure of office for cabinet members; they remain in office until they resign or are superseded.

## Kiwanis Honors Queen With Dinner Dance

The queen and her court were guests of honor at a fine banquet and dancing party given by the Kiwanis Club at Shoppenagons Inn, Wednesday night.

The tables were arranged in "U" shape with the end table reserved for the queen, her court and their escorts. The tables had been very cleverly decorated for the occasion. In the center of the honor guests' table was a miniature ice rink with a large red and white skating custom in an action pose. The long tables had alternating ice rinks and snowbanks with penguins skating or carrying skis, their red scarves flying in the breeze. Small frost covered pine trees also added to the attractive decorations.

Mr. Charles Moore, president of the Kiwanis Club, presided, welcoming the guests and introducing the president of Winter Sports, Inc., Mr. Emil Giesling, who in turn presented the queen, Miss Frances Entsminger. Miss Entsminger then introduced her court. The young ladies were presented with compliments by Mr. Giesling in appreciation of their efforts in helping to make 1939 Winter Sports a success.

Two violin solos were played by Miss Betty Parsons, which were well received. Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. Harold Jarmann rendered two vocal selections that brought raptures of applause. All the numbers were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

A beautiful cake, donated by Mr. Charles Melchior of the Grayling Bakery was brought in by the waiters and presented to the queen, who very graciously cut the first piece and placed it on the plate of Mr. Charles Moore. Throughout the banquet singer Dr. C. G. Clippert kept the crowd in a cheerful mood singing while Mrs. C. G. Clippert accompanied on the piano.

Mr. Moore thanked the different committees for their fine cooperation in helping to make the banquet such a lovely affair. The Queen's Court included Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Mrs. Frank Bond, Mrs. Roy Milnes, Mrs. Emil Giesling, Miss Margaret Bauman, and Miss Eleanor Tumath. The arrangement of the banquet tables was done by Mrs. Roy Milnes and Miss Bauman. The Winter Sports committee is made up of Mr. Emil Giesling, president; Mr. Wm. Hill, Mr. Roy Trudgoun, and Mr. C. J. McNamara.

Later in the evening colored films of winter sports were shown by Mr. L. Kramer, which were enjoyed by everyone. The banquet started off the Carnival week with a bang and the Kiwanis club are to be congratulated for its success.

## Annual Junior Play Wed. Feb. 15th

Next Wednesday, February 15, the Junior Class of G. H. S. will present their annual play "Aunt Susie Shoots The Works". Originally scheduled for an earlier date this play promises to be well worth the delay that was caused by the illness prevalent in Grayling.

With an abandoned house adjacent to a deserted sausage factory as a setting; an old man-hater with a yen for power as one of the characters; a few mysterious happenings for excitement; and even a dog thrown in (not in the sausage works) for good measure; this play promises to really click.

The list of characters is as follows:  
Aunt Susie—V. Peterson.  
Joy Herbert—A. Burrows.  
Scarlet Deane—A. Laage.  
Laura Dawson—V. McEvers.  
Madame Lola—N. Peterson.  
Mrs. Ed Dunning—M. J. Joseph.  
Portia Lark—E. Granger.  
Omar Graves—B. Kraus.  
LaSalle Johnson—F. Jensen.  
Johnny Rogers—E. Olson.  
Slick Conway—M. Nelson.  
Time—8:00.  
Place—High School Auditorium.  
Date—February 15th, 1939.

### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday, February 12, 1939  
At 10:00 a. m.—Bible School.  
At 10:30 a. m.—Public Worship.  
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

## Special Election Notes

According to Engineer Norris, who made the survey for the city on the electric situation, he says that there has never been a modern municipal electric plant to build or discontinue business in Michigan.

According to City Manager Granger, the M. P. S. Co. received an income last year of about \$24,900, instead of \$35,197, the Company claims it to have been. At the urge of local manager Don Sweeney, Mr. Granger says he went over the Company's books with Mr. Sweeney several weeks ago and together they looked over every month's record and the figures were read off to the office bookkeeper and they totaled \$28,900. Now who are you going to believe, the Company or Mr. Granger, who has always had a reputation for integrity? Don't let the M. P. S. Co. fool you with their twisted figures. And don't take their circular statements too seriously. They seem to go far, many misleading statements.

Why wouldn't local electricity be preferred from their own electric plant instead of from an outsider? Profits from a local plant remain in Grayling. Besides 19¢ lower rates, as planned, is a big inducement to look up with the local plant.

Naturally the M. P. S. is fighting to keep out municipal competition. They hope to continue their poor service and high rates by keeping out a municipal plant. If Grayling had been given the right of service they deserved they wouldn't be facing this special election at this time. The Company paid little or no attention to local complaints except to make promises that were not fulfilled. Now they are promising to put their rates in order. Just another promise, no doubt.

How is it that so many customers are getting their light bills lowered or cut in half just at present as some will testify. How is it that one user who's usual bill amounting to over \$40 got a bill for the next month of \$2.00? Inconsistent, isn't it. This man happens to be on the council.

City Attorney Moore says that's have an honest campaign. We fully believe this election is going to carry and the M. P. S. Co. is doing everything they can to stop it. If the election fails, we will be assured of the same kind of undependable service we have been having for several years past—irregular voltage, shimmering and fading lights and power. Let's get behind this proposition and have a modern up-to-date light and power plant and distribution system with lower rates and better service as 40 or 50 other Michigan cities have done in the last few years.

## Saddle Ski Contest Sunday, 3:00 P. M.

The first annual Northern Michigan Saddle Ski contest will be held at Winter Sports park Sunday, February 12th, at 3:00 p. m. An official course has been measured off on the hill beside the junior ski jump and entries are announced from upstate towns including Elberta and Frankfort, where this type of sport has been popular.

Local entries can be made at the park, Johnson's Furniture Co., and at the high school. The champion and runner-up will be presented with a special champion's model Saddle Ski and the title "Saddle Ski Champion of Northern Michigan" by "Birdie" Tebbetts, of the Detroit Tigers, who will act as official judge of the contest.

Local boys are urged to make their entries early this week end. Saddle Skis can be obtained from Mr. Cornell at the high school, and Mr. Johnson at the park for practice over the course this week. The classes are as follows:

Junior Boys Class—Boys up to and through the 8th Grade.  
Senior Boys Class—Boys over the 8th Grade.

A special class for girls will be made if the number of entries justify it.

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### THE REPORT IS CORRECT

If the revenue from the local electric light plant is \$38,000, according to the records in the office of the Michigan Public Utilities commission, and the new Grayling plant is to secure 30% of the business, some are wondering how the circular published last week could claim \$35,000 in receipts.

80% of \$38,000 would be \$30,400, but it is a foregone conclusion that the local plant would secure practically 100% of the commercial accounts which accounts would run far in excess of an equal number of residential rentals. In fact 20% of the patrons according to City Manager George Granger, pay more than 50% of the local plant's income. A commercial electricity user paying \$25.00 monthly would equal that of five residential users at \$5.00 per month. Thus it is plain to be seen that Mr. Granger's estimate that 80% of the electric business should bring in revenue amounting to about \$35,000 or more is correct.

Anyone wishing to hand in an article for or against the proposed light and power plant are welcome to do so. Please have your copy in early. All letters must be signed but your name will not appear if you request it.

### C. of C. Complimenting "Birdie" Tebbetts

A testimonial banquet has been announced by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce to compliment George "Birdie" Tebbetts, catcher of the Detroit Tiger-Baseball Club. Through the efforts of "Spike" McNeven, "Birdie" has spent the winter in the community and participated in numerous civic activities and outside interests which has provided Grayling with good publicity. Besides his work with the local Boy Scout troop, he has aided the winter sports program, and refereed high school and independent basketball games throughout northern Michigan.

The banquet will be held at the Shoppenagons Inn on Thursday, February 16th and limited to the capacity of the hotel to 50 couples. Few reservations remain, and the affair is restricted to Chamber of Commerce members and friends of "Birdie." A good program is assured to attract unusual interest and following the banquet dancing will be the order for the rest of the evening. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Three Deuces.

Through the courtesy of the Rialto Theatre a special showing of the popular four-reel baseball film "First Century of Baseball" will be presented at the Rialto Theatre prior to the banquet on February 16th, at 5:00 p. m. The film was secured by special arrangement with the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce feels fortunate in securing this picture because of the big demands by the many city organizations for the film. This is the first time any such baseball film of the American League has been shown in northern Michigan.

Admittance is open to all Chamber of Commerce members holding banquet tickets, and any baseball minded citizen of Grayling who desires to see the film. High school students wishing to see the show should contact Coach Willard Cornell for admission.

Written and supervised by Lew Fonseca, director of promotion for the American League, "First Century of Baseball", the fifth of a series produced and distributed in as many years, is an entirely new production. To obtain the highest professional standards in the matter of photography, make-up and costuming, the historical portions were filmed in Hollywood. Narration, save where the voices of characters appearing on the screen have been recorded, is by Ted Husling.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Arties as low as 80c.

Mrs. Howard Smith submitted an appendix to the Mercy Hospital, Wednesday morning.

Roscommon Handicrafts carried off the trophy in the Houghton Lake tournament last week by a win over the Grayling All Stars. In turn the Stars had defeated the Grayling Bears. The Roscommon tournament is now in full swing.

Harry A. Scott, the pretty decorated widower, has one of the finest winter sports windows as yet in the right up to the minute with showman like finish, color and even an attempt to take up the latest fashions.

At the meeting of the County Board of Health, the Democratic party held their first Saturday night party at the Grayling Hotel. The party was held in the ballroom and was a success. The party was held in the ballroom and was a success.

According to the Grayling Fire Hose company, the temperature dropped considerably the last night, and the fire department is now on alert for any possible fire.

The first of the new road to be built here has been laid out by the highway department.

The first of the Michigan State Fire and Farm Bureau insurance department are meeting this afternoon at the Court house.

Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son Howard are spending several weeks in P. S. where Master Howard is under the care of Dr. G. E. B. being treated for a heart ailment, resulting from a recent case of scarlet fever.

Mr. J. H. Brown left Sunday night for New York from where he will be on February 9th for the purpose of attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Julia Wolf of Detroit. Mrs. Wolf was born in the Gurney Canal Island, England, and had lived in Detroit for 65 years. Funeral services were held in that city at 2 p. m. Monday. She is survived by three sons, Fred G. Herbert W. of New York and G. Edward Wolf. Also a sister, Mrs. Alice Footland.

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Mrs. Wolff had visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff at Lake Margrethe and many Grayling people had met her.

At the Wednesday Contract Bridge club at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph this week, a bouquet of spring flowers centered the table at which a lovely luncheon was served. For contract Mrs. O. P. Schumann and Mrs. H. A. Bauman held high and low score. Mrs. George Olson, who was a guest of the club received the best gift.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burcher were hosts to some fourteen of their friends Saturday evening at the former's home. The evening was spent in a tournament of Chinese Checkers, with Eugene Papendick winning for the gentlemen and Mrs. Harry Souders for the ladies. A Dutch lunch was served after the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Atkinson and son Richard drove to Bay City today to accompany home the former's mother Mrs. Lottie Tatro, who has been spending a few days there. Mrs. Tatro visited her mother Mrs. McDonald, at Kawkawlin, the latter who is 94 years old.

Opening Grayling's Winter Sports Carnival, the Grayling American Legion Drum and Bugle corps are sponsoring a spectacular basketball game, Friday evening February 10 at the high school gymnasium. The game will be between "The Grays" girls basketball team and "Birdie" Tebbetts "All Stars." "The Briggs" are Detroit City champion girls team and are the best of their kind in America, and runners-up for National Championship. "Birdie" Tebbetts will referee the game, which will be played boys rules. This promises to be a good game with plenty of excitement.

Queen Frances Entsminger was guest of honor at a delightful party Saturday night in which members of her court were included together with several friends, numbering about 20 in all. Assembling at the Queen's home at 8:00 the crowd went to the Winter Sports park for a couple of hours of skating and tobogganing. Returning later in the evening games were enjoyed with Earl Gierke of Saginaw, and Benedict Morris carrying off the honors. Then the party went to Hollywood, where each one received a banner bearing the name of a famous movie star or radio star or what have you. These were pinned on their backs and were worn all evening and each one had to act like the person after whom they were named.

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Fred Smith and Dale Urvine of Bay City joined the party at 11:45 and all went to the Horseshoe Lake dance pavilion. The crowd there was awed when they discovered there were so many stars among them. The evening ended at Hanson's Cafe where several tables were joined together, and they ate again and made merry.

### OLSON-BAIRD

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson announced the marriage of their son, A. P. to Miss Anne Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunham Baird of Los Angeles, Calif. The young couple were united in marriage January 28, by the Rev. W. L. Summers of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Los Angeles, Calif.

The groom was born in Grayling High school with the class of 1931, and attended M.S.C. for two years. The many friends of the groom extend their congratulations and best wishes.

## Personals

Norman E. Butler visited friends at Caro Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Kermosky and sister, Mrs. W. H. LeVall spent Tuesday visiting in Kingsley.

Miss Anna Nelson was home from Grand Rapids over the week end and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heath entertained the former's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bousche, of Flushing, over the week end.

Miss Virginia Klaus, who attends the University of Detroit, was friend Dean DeLaMater, spent the week end visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Emil Klaus.

Mrs. Eugene Baker returned to her home in Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday after spending some time visiting her father, Ned Corwin and sister Ruth, who both accompanied her home and will remain for the week.

Esbern Hanson left Tuesday for Detroit on business.

Karl Kitchen of Lansing was in Grayling Sunday calling on old friends.

Miss Jane Moore of Traverse City is a guest of Mrs. Myrta Unger.

M. T. Younken of Detroit was in Grayling on business the first of the week.

Rev. Broe of Manistee spent Monday and Tuesday visiting at the Danish parsonage.

Mrs. W. H. LeVall, of Detroit is spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Kermosky and family.

Mrs. Carl Peterson returned Friday from Petoskey where she had spent the week visiting friends.

Mrs. Chester Lozon and children of Maple Forest are spending this week visiting her sister, Miss Lillian Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore returned home Friday from Alma where they have been visiting for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Don Sweeney and daughter Sandra Sue, spent Thursday and Friday of last week visiting in Traverse City.

Lloyd Perry returned from Detroit on the Snow Train Sunday, where he has been for the past week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb of Mt. Pleasant are visiting their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Mrs. Hensine Hanson left Monday for Lansing where she is spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. John Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May entertained the latter's mother Mrs. E. J. Shurtum and sister Miss Ruth of Rogers City over the week end.

Max Ferguson, who is attending the Bay City Business College, spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson.

Mrs. Charles Hill of Ypsilanti came via the snow train Sunday and is spending the week the guest of Miss Eva Dorr at the Jarmin home.

Morris and Byron Gardner, Danny Perry, and Robert Sly, of Detroit came on the Snow Train Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

One of the familiar faces to alight from the Flint Snow Train Sunday was that of Mrs. Addison Lewis who came up for winter sports and a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strohauser, of Alger, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower Sunday. They came to enjoy a day at the Winter Sports park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Phelps (Margaret Phelps) and a party of four of Detroit visited here Sunday and took in the Winter Sports. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duerr of Detroit were guests of Mr. John Bruun Sunday. They were passengers on the Detroit Snow Train. Mr. and Mrs. Duerr and family have a summer home on Lake Margrethe.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson and little son Ernest Elden are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson for week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayotte drove to Bay City Sunday to accompany them here.

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### Womans Club

The annual meeting of the Womans Club was held at the home of Miss Margrethe Bauman.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy, president of the club, was in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Stanley Stealy (2nd term); vice pres., Mrs. Willard Cornell; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Wm. Hill; Recording Secretary, Miss Margrethe Bauman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gerald Poor; treas., Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Mr. L. Kramer and Mr. Royal Wright showed colored pictures of the Grayling Winter Sports which delighted the club members.

Mrs. Roy Milnes rendered two lovely solos, "Mighty Lak A Rose" Nevin, "Gypsy Love Song" Victor Herbert.

Miss Johnson played two piano selections, "Dream of Love", Listz; "Blue Danube Waltzes", Strauss.

### Want Ads

**HOUSE FOR SALE**—Six rooms and garage; next to Julius Nielsen's. For particulars inquire of Ernest Bissonette or call phone 31.

**FOR SALE**—Practically new Kalamazoo range, and other household furnishings. Inquire of J. W. Randolph.

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**SNOWMAN BUILDING CONTEST ENDS THIS WEEK**

Boys and girls, this is your last chance to take part in the snowman building contest. Saturday of this week, all snowmen will be judged, so if you have started a snowman that has not been completed, it will be to your advantage to finish it immediately. Only completed snowmen will be eligible in this contest. Anyone else

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# NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the  
City of Grayling:

By order of the City Council in resolution adopted January 17, 1939 and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, a special election will be held in the City of Grayling, Michigan, on February 20th, 1939, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon, until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following propositions:

## PROPOSITION ONE—

**Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And To Its Inhabitants, And To Issue General Obligation Bonds In Part Payment Therefor.**

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00, and in part payment thereof to issue General Obligation Bonds of the City of Grayling, in the amount of \$34,000.00.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## PROPOSITION TWO—

**Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And Issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds In Part Payment Therefor.**

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00 and in part payment thereof to issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds in the amount of \$120,000.00. Said bonds not to be a general obligation of said City of Grayling, but to be payable only from the gross revenues of the said Electric Light and Power System, after provision only for the reasonable operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and to be secured by a closed first mortgage on the property of the entire Electric Light and Power System of said City, including a franchise to the purchaser on foreclosure for the operation of said system for the period of Twenty Years after such purchase.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## PROPOSITION THREE—

**Proposal To Grant A Franchise To Be Included In The Mortgage Given As Security For Revenue Mortgage Bonds.**

Shall there be included in the mortgage to be given as security for Revenue Mortgage Bonds to be issued as part payment of the cost of acquiring a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, a franchise to be granted by the City of Grayling to the purchaser on foreclosure of said mortgage to operate said Electric Generating Plant and Distribution System for a period of Twenty (20) years from the date of such foreclosure, said franchise to be as follows:

This Agreement made and entered into between the City of Grayling, Michigan, a Municipal Corporation, by its Mayor and Clerk on its behalf, and duly authorized by the City Council and the affirmative vote of the electors of said City, as party of the first part, to and for the benefit of the purchaser or purchasers of the works for supplying the City of Grayling, and in case said works should be sold upon the foreclosure of a mortgage, then the purchaser taking title to said property shall be entitled to all the benefits of this franchise, which shall be as follows, witnesseth:

### ARTICLE 1.

Permission is hereby granted unto the purchaser of the works for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, and the successors and assigns of such purchaser, to construct, equip, erect, maintain and operate conductors for conducting electricity in, under and upon the streets, alleys and public places of the City of Grayling and to operate it as a separate, distinct utility, and to maintain and keep such connection, subject to all reasonable restrictions thereon as shall be prescribed by the Council of said City, either by resolution or by ordinance.

### ARTICLE 2.

Permission is hereby given to said purchaser (if any purchaser there ever be) or to its successors and assigns, to sell, furnish and supply electric current to any citizen, inhabitant, person, partnership, association or corporation within the City of Grayling.

### ARTICLE 3.

This franchise shall apply to all property rights and interests of the City of Grayling in its works for supplying electric light and power to the City and its inhabitants and all extensions, betterments and new equipment which have been made or added thereto by said City prior to the taking effect of this franchise, together with the extensions and betterments

which may thereafter be made from time to time by the grantee during the life of this franchise.

### ARTICLE 4.

The rates, tariffs and charges which the said purchaser or its successors or assigns shall be permitted to charge for electrical current with the City of Grayling shall be such rates, tariffs and charges as may be agreed upon by and between the purchaser and the said City of Grayling and in case such rates, tariffs and charges cannot be agreed upon by said purchaser and said City of Grayling, then the rates and charges may be fixed by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, or its successors, from time to time, upon the application of either party and due hearing thereon.

### ARTICLE 5.

In consideration of the foregoing permission the purchaser (if there ever should be such) and its successors or assigns, agree that he or it will furnish all necessary required electrical current at the rates above specified.

### ARTICLE 6.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all questions of service shall be referred to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors and its decision shall be binding upon the parties.

### ARTICLE 7.

The privilege and authority granted hereby to the purchaser of said property (if ever there should be such) carry with them the condition that said purchaser agrees that at all times during the life of this agreement and for the purpose solely of the City he or it will furnish to the City or its duly authorized agents, such information regarding the income, expense, physical value and other items as the City may desire as recorded on the books of such person or company or its assigns.

### ARTICLE 8.

The grantee in the construction, maintenance, extension and repair of said public utility shall not unnecessarily interrupt or obstruct the use of any street, lane, alley or other public thoroughfare and in crossing the same with wires shall erect such wires at such reasonable altitude as the Council may prescribe and when it shall in any way open any of the thoroughfares for the construction or maintenance of any underground construction it shall replace such thoroughfare in as good condition as before said opening and said grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expense which shall arise or be caused by the occupancy or the use of the streets, lanes, alleys, avenues or other public thoroughfares by said grantee.

### ARTICLE 9.

If said grantee shall for any reason whatsoever, refuse, neglect and fail to furnish to the City or its inhabitants the product or service designed to be furnished by said plant, or fail or refuse to comply with any of the terms of this franchise, unavoidable accidents, strikes and the acts of God excepted, for a period of Thirty (30) days unless the Council of the City of Grayling shall extend said period of time, then said Grantee shall forfeit all right to operate said plant in and under this franchise and this franchise shall immediately terminate and become void.

### ARTICLE 10.

This agreement (in case the same becomes operative by a sale as above set forth) and the privilege granted herein shall extend for a period of Twenty (20) years from date of the taking effect of the deed issued on the sale of the premises and property above set forth.

### ARTICLE 11.

This agreement shall accompany the mortgage to be given upon the utility and shall become effective only in case the City of Grayling shall default in the payment of said mortgage, and there should be a foreclosure of said mortgage and the title to the property mortgaged, in said mortgage, should pass absolutely by reason of such foreclosure, but then and in that case this franchise shall be the franchise under which the purchaser of said utility shall operate and shall before being put into effect be accepted by the purchaser and the owner of such works to supply the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this ..... day of ..... A. D. 1939.

By ..... Mayor

By ..... Clerk

For the purchasers under said Mortgage.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE  
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 10, 1916

The Grayling Lodge Knights of Pythias entertained their friends at their second annual ball at the new school gymnasium Wednesday evening. Installation of the newly elected officers was the first on the program. The officers installed were: W. M. Case, captain; Marius Hanson, 1st lieutenant; Einar Rasmussen, 2nd lieutenant; O. P. Schumann, recorder and 2nd sergeant; Geo. W. McCullough, treasurer; P. L. Brown, guard; Carl Johnson, sentinel; and Nikolai Schjotz, 1st sergeant. With Capt. Case in command, the Company put on an exhibition drill that was loudly applauded by the spectators. The orchestra under the direction of Dan Russo, opened the dancing with a two-step.

Miss Marie Anderson left the forepart of the week for a visit with relatives in Saginaw.

Carl Nelson expects to leave town Saturday for Detroit, where he has a position with the Ford Motor Company.

Guy Peterson has resigned his position at the Sorenson Barber Shop and is now working on the F. H. Milks delivery wagon.

Clarence Johnson returned to his duties at the DuPont Company in Bay City after spending several days visiting at his home here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Johannesburg, a fine son, on January 31.

Miss Medea Sorenson left Saturday for Detroit, after a week's visit with friends here.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McPeak Thursday, February 3.

Miss Nellie Loss, assistant principal of the High school, was called to her home in Vassar Monday, and Mrs. T. P. Peterson is taking her place during her absence.

Carl Sorenson has sold his barber shop in the Burton Hotel building to Sam Kastenholtz, and the latter will take possession Monday. At one time these gentlemen were associated in business in this shop. Mr. Kastenholtz selling out to the former nearly a year ago. Mr. Sorenson will move to Detroit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates entertained a number of guests Thursday and Friday who were in attendance at the K. of P. ball. Miss Lillian Bates was home from Vanderbilt. Miss Naomi Chapman, of Saginaw, Miss Lois Simms of Bay City and Mr.

Leonard Burritt of Cadillac, were her guests.

Ray Amidon, during his vacation here is assisting in the Hathaway jewelry store during the absence of Carlton Melstrup, who is confined to his home with an injury of the foot.

Miss Gertrude Foley of Luzerne has entered the eighth grade and is making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. Palmer.

Misses Doris and Carrie LaGrow and Nellie Charlefour were hostesses to the Queen's Social club last evening at the Tetu home. The evening was spent in music and a unique guessing contest, with Miss Marie Foreman and Miss Agnes Mayo being the best guessers.

Thursday evening Miss Anna Fischer and Irving Hodge of Atlanta, two of Grayling's most popular young people stole a march on their friends and went to the M. E. parsonage, where they were united in marriage by the Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The young couple left on the early morning train for the home of the groom's parents, where they will make their home for the present.

Mrs. Julius Gelisse and children of Bay City arrived here Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappel.

Irving Abbott and Joe Rice returned to Rose City Saturday after a several week's visit with relatives.

### School Notes (23 Years Ago)

Little Marian Reynolds sang at the opening exercises Monday morning.

Arthur Callahan has been elected basketball manager of the second team.

### Lovells (23 Years Ago)

Miss Virgil Caid returned to Lansing to her work after spending a week visiting with her people.

Mrs. Bills left for Saginaw Saturday, where she will visit with friends until Tuesday, then will leave for Detroit to remain the remainder of the winter.

Friday evening a house owned by T. E. Douglas and occupied by A. Gutohak was completely destroyed by fire and also all the contents.

C. W. Keuhl of Saginaw and Mr. Nash and son-in-law of Flint spent Saturday and Sunday at the Keuhl cabin. Mr. Nash is preparing to build a fine cottage in the early spring.

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#### THE REPORT IS CORRECT

If the revenue from the local  
electric light plant is \$38,000, ac-  
cording to the records in the of-  
fice of the Michigan Public Utili-  
ties commission, and the new  
Grayling plant should secure 80  
of the business, some are won-  
dering how the circular published  
last week could claim \$35,000  
in receipts.

\$0. of \$3,000 would be \$3,400,  
but it is a foregone conclusion  
that the local plant would secure  
practically 100 of the commercial  
accounts which accounts would  
run far in excess of an equal  
number of residential rentals.  
In fact 20 of the patrons,  
according to City Manager  
George Granger, pay more than  
50 of the local plant's income.  
A commercial electricity user  
paying \$25.00 monthly would  
equal that of five residential users  
at \$5.00 per month. Thus it is  
plain to be seen that Mr. Granger  
estimate that 80 of the  
electrical business should bring  
in revenue amounting to about  
\$35,000 or more is correct.

Anyone wishing to hand in an  
article for or against the proposed  
light and power plant are wel-  
come to do so. Please have your  
copy in early. All letters must  
be signed but your name will not  
appear if you request it.

#### C. of C. Complimenting "Birdie" Tebbetts

A testimonial banquet has been  
announced by the Grayling  
Chamber of Commerce to com-  
pliment George "Birdie" Tebbetts,  
catcher of the Detroit Tigers  
Baseball Club. Through The  
forums of "Sport" McNiven, "Bar-  
ad" has spent the winter in the  
community and participated in  
numerous civic activities and out-  
side interests which has provided  
Grayling with good publicity. Bo-  
dies, presents with the local  
Boy Scout troop, he has aided the  
winter sports program, and re-  
ferred many school and independ-  
ent basketball games throughout  
northern Michigan.

The banquet will be held at the  
Shoppenagons Inn on Thursday,  
February 16th, and limited to the  
capacity of the hotel to 50 couples.  
Few reservations remain, and the  
affair is restricted to Chamber of  
Commerce members and friends  
of "Birdie." A good program is  
assured to attract unusual inter-  
est and following the banquet  
dancing will be the order for the  
rest of the evening. Music for the  
occasion will be furnished by the  
Three Deuces.

Through the courtesy of the  
Rialto Theatre a special showing  
of the popular four-reel baseball  
film "First Century of Baseball"  
will be presented at the Rialto  
Theatre prior to the banquet on  
February 16th, at 5:00 p. m. The  
film was secured by special ar-  
rangement with the American  
League of Professional Baseball  
Clubs, and the Chamber of Com-  
merce feels fortunate in securing  
this picture because of the big  
demands by the many city organi-  
zations for the film. This is the  
first time any such baseball film  
of the American League has been  
shown in northern Michigan.

Admittance is open to all  
Chamber of Commerce members  
holding banquet tickets, and any  
baseball minded citizen of Gray-  
ling who desires to see the film.  
High school students wishing to  
see the show should contact  
Coach Willard Cornell for ad-  
mission.

Written and supervised by Lew  
Fonseca, director of promotion  
for the American League, "First  
Century of Baseball," the fifth of  
a series produced and distributed  
in as many years, is an entirely  
new production. To obtain the  
highest professional standards in  
the matter of photography, make-  
up and costuming, the historical  
portions were filmed in Holly-  
wood. Narration, save where the  
voices of characters appearing on  
the screen have been recorded,  
is by Ted Husing.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Articles as low as 80c.

Olson's Shoe Sale

Mrs. Howard Smith submitted  
to an appendectomy at Mercy  
Hospital, Wednesday morning.  
Rosenbaum's Kamikaze carried  
off the trophy in the Houghton  
Lake tournament last week by a  
win over the Grayling All Stars.  
In the Stars had defeated the  
Grayling Bears. The Rose-  
mont tournament is now in full  
swing.

Have you seen the pretty de-  
corated window that The Johnson  
Furniture Co. has? This one of the  
best winter sports windows as  
yet. Its right up to the minute  
with snowman, ice skis, sleds,  
and even an airplane to take up  
passengers.

At a meeting of the County  
Delegates of the Democratic party  
held at the Court House Saturday  
evening, O. P. Schumann and James  
Post were elected delegates to at-  
tend the State convention. The  
convention will be held in Flint  
on Feb. 17 and 18.

According to the Grayling Fire  
Hatch report, the temperature  
dropped considerably the last  
few days, going down to 8 above  
this morning (Thursday) at 9  
o'clock. The first of the week  
and as the week might have had  
a mild winter, the snow  
drifting off the highway and  
hitting the trees.

The agents of the Michigan  
State Fire and Farm Bureau In-  
surance Department are meeting  
this afternoon at the Court house.  
Mrs. Dan Balbutt and son  
Howard are spending several  
weeks in Petoskey where Master  
Howard is under the care of Dr.  
E. E. Bern, being treated for a  
recent ailment resulting from a  
recent case of scarlet fever.

Mr. John Brown left Sunday  
night for New York, from where  
he will sail February 9th for  
Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr.  
Brown's mother is in poor health  
and he is making the trip to visit  
her. It is hoped he may find her  
much improved.

There will be a card party  
given by the Eastern Stars at the  
Masonic Temple, Tuesday  
evening, to celebrate Valentine's  
day. Every one is cordially in-  
vited and you may play the game  
of your choice. Lunch will be  
served. Price for evening 25c.

Grayling friends of Mr. and  
Mrs. Herbert Wolf are sorry to  
learn of the death of Mr. Wolf's  
mother, Mrs. Julia Wolf, of De-  
troit. Mrs. Wolf was born in the  
Detroit, Michigan, Eng-  
land, and had lived in Detroit for  
35 years. Funeral services were  
held in that city at 2 p. m. Mon-  
day. She is survived by three  
sons, Fred G. Herbert W. of New  
York, and G. Edward Wolf, also  
a son, Mrs. Alice, Portland.

Mrs. Wolf had visited Mr. and  
Mrs. Herbert Wolf at Lake  
Margrethe and many Grayling  
people had met her.

At the Wednesday Contract  
Bridge club at the home of Mrs.  
A. J. Joseph this week, a bouquet  
of spring flowers centered the  
table at which a lovely luncheon  
was served. For contract Mrs.  
O. P. Schumann and Mrs. H. A.  
Bauman held high and low score.  
Mrs. George Olson, who was a  
guest of the club received the  
best gift.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger  
and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Borchers  
were hosts to some fourteen of  
their friends Saturday evening  
at the former's home. The even-  
ing was spent in a tournament of  
Chinese Checkers, with Eugene  
Papendick winning for the  
gentlemen and Mrs. Harry Sou-  
ders for the ladies. A Dutch  
lunch was served after the tour-  
nament.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Atkinson  
and son Richard drove to Bay  
City today to accompany home  
the former's mother Mrs. Lottie  
Tatro, who has been spending a  
few days there. Mrs. Tatro vis-  
ited her mother Mrs. McDonald,  
at Kawkawin, the latter who is 94  
years old.

Opening Grayling's Winter  
Sports Carnival, the Grayling  
American Legion Drum and  
Bugle corps are sponsoring a  
spectacular basketball game, Fri-  
day evening, February 10, at the  
high school gymnasium. The  
game will be between "The  
Briggs" girls basketball team  
and "Birdie" Tebbetts "All  
Stars." The Briggs are Detroit  
City champion girls team and one  
of the best of their kind in Am-  
erica, and runners-up for Nation-  
al Championship. "Birdie" Teb-  
betts will referee the game,  
which will be played boys rules.  
This promises to be a good game  
with plenty of excitement.

**QUEEN AND COURT ENTER-  
TAINED**  
Queen Frances Entsminger was  
guest of honor at a delightful  
party Saturday night in which  
members of her court were in-  
cluded together with several  
friends, numbering about 20 in  
all. Assembling at the Queen's  
home at 8:00 the crowd went to  
the Winter Sports park for a  
couple of hours of skating and  
icebooging. Returning later, in  
the evening games were enjoyed  
with Earl Gorkie, of Saginaw,  
and Benedict Morris carrying off  
the honors. Then the party went  
to Hollywood, where each one re-  
ceived a banner bearing the name  
of a famous movie star or radio  
star or what have you. These  
were pinned on their backs and  
were worn all evening and each  
one had to act like the person  
after whom they were named.

After coming from the park,  
appetites were sharpened and a  
delicious buffet lunch was  
much enjoyed, the boys finding  
their partners by way of num-  
bers.

Fred Smith and Dale Urvine of  
Bay City joined the party at 11:45  
and all went to the Horseshoe  
Lake dance pavilion. The crowd  
there was awed when they dis-  
covered there were so many stars  
among them. The evening ended  
at Hanson's Cafe where several  
tables were joined together, and  
they ate again and made merry.

#### OLSON-BAIRD

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson an-  
nounced the marriage of their son,  
Norm, to Miss Anne Baird,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dun-  
can Baird, of Los Angeles, Calif.  
The young couple were united  
in marriage January 28, by the  
Rev. W. L. Summers, of the First  
Methodist Episcopal church, of  
Los Angeles, Calif.

The groom was born in Gray-  
ling High school with the class  
of 1931, and attended M.S.C. for  
16 years. The many friends of  
the groom extend their congratu-  
lations and best wishes.

## Personals

Norman E. Butler visited  
friends at Caro Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Kurnosky and sister,  
Mrs. W. H. LaVall spent Tuesday  
visiting in Kingsley.

Miss Anna Nielsen was home  
from Grand Rapids over the  
week end visiting her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nielsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heath en-  
tertained the former's sister and  
husband Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse  
Heath, of Flushing, over the  
week end.

Mrs. Virginia Kraus, who at-  
tends the University of Detroit,  
and friend Dean DeLaMater,  
spent the week end visiting the  
former's mother, Mrs. Emil  
Kraus.

Mrs. Eugene Baker returned to  
her home in Indianapolis, Ind.,  
Wednesday after spending some  
time visiting her father, Nel-  
son Corwin and sister Ruth, who  
both accompanied her home and  
will remain for the week.

Esbern Hanson left Tuesday for  
Detroit on business.

Kurt Kitchen of Lansing was in  
Grayling Sunday calling on old  
friends.

Miss Jane Moore of Traverse  
City is a guest of Mrs. Myrtle  
Unger.

M. T. Younken of Detroit was  
in Grayling on business the first  
of the week.

Rev. Broe of Manistee spent  
Monday and Tuesday visiting at  
the Danish parsonage.

Mrs. W. H. LaVall, of Detroit  
is spending a few days visiting  
her sister, Mrs. Joe Kurnosky and  
family.

Mrs. Carl Peterson returned  
Friday from Petoskey where she  
had spent the week visiting  
friends.

Mrs. Chester Leroy and chil-  
dren of Maple Forest are spending  
this week visiting her sister, Miss  
Lillian Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore returned  
home Friday from Alma where  
they have been visiting for the  
past three weeks.

Mrs. Don Sweeney and daugh-  
ter Sandra Sue, spent Thursday  
and Friday of last week visiting  
in Traverse City.

Lloyd Perry returned from De-  
troit on the Snow Train Sunday,  
where he has been for the past  
week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb of  
Mt. Pleasant are visiting their  
daughter and family, Dr. and  
Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson left Mon-  
day for Lansing where she is  
spending a few days visiting her  
sister, Mrs. John Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May en-  
tertained the latter's mother Mrs.  
E. J. Shurtum and sister Miss  
Ruth of Rogers City over the  
week end.

Max Ferguson, who is attend-  
ing the Bay City Business Col-  
lege, spent the week end visiting  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.  
Ferguson.

Mrs. Charles Hill of Ypsilanti  
came via the snow train Sunday  
and is spending the week the  
guest of Miss Eva Dorr at the  
Jarmin home.

Morris and Byron Gardner,  
Danny Perry, and Robert Sly, of  
Detroit came on the Snow Train  
Sunday and visited at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

One of the familiar faces to  
alight from the Flint Snow Train  
Sunday was that of Mrs. Addison  
Lewis who came up for winter  
sports and a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strohauser,  
of Alger, were the dinner guests of  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower  
Sunday. They came to enjoy a  
day at the Winter Sports park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Phelps  
(Margaret Phelps) and a party of  
four of Detroit visited here Sun-  
day and took in the Winter  
Sports. While here they were  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holger  
Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duert of  
Detroit were guests of Mr. John  
Braun Sunday. They were pass-  
engers on the Detroit Snow Train.  
Mr. and Mrs. Duert and family  
have a summer home on Lake  
Margrethe.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson and  
little son Ernest Elden are vis-  
iting at the home of Mrs. Rasmus  
Jorgenson for a week. Mr. and  
Mrs. Edward Mayotte drove to  
Bay City Sunday to accompany  
them here.

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Mrs. Charles Woodbury and  
daughter Mary Lou of Bay City  
left the first of the week for  
San Diego, Calif., to visit another  
daughter Mrs. H. D. Krick, who  
resides there. They will be gone  
for two or three months.

Mrs. Kenneth Dobbins and a  
party of seven friends of Detroit  
came to Grayling on the Snow  
Train Sunday. They were guests  
of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport and  
Miss Joyce Keyport. They were  
enthusiastic over winter sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King,  
Mrs. Frank Kames, sons Bob and  
Billy, and Mr. L. O. Burdodge of  
Flint arrived on the snow train  
Sunday and spent the day with  
the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Geo. Miller and the Oliver Cody  
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sampsel  
returned Sunday from Detroit,  
after being gone a week. Mr.  
Sampsel was called to Canton,  
Ohio, by the serious illness of his  
mother and Mrs. Sampsel re-  
mained in Detroit to visit at the  
home of her sister Mrs. Lipman  
Landsberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Larson  
(Beulah Ewing) of Owosso stop-  
ped in Grayling Thursday en-  
route from Newberry, where they  
had attended the funeral of a  
niece of the former. They were  
guests for the day at the J. L.  
Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Akers and  
baby of Harrisville, spent Sunday  
visiting the former's father,  
Perry Akers. Mr. H. Dahmer, of  
Kingsley who has been visiting  
here, returned to Harrisville  
with Mr. and Mrs. Akers to  
visit for a few days.

Miss Wanda Cardinal left for  
Ann Arbor Tuesday where she  
has accepted a nursing position  
in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.  
Mrs. Claude Cardinal, Mrs. Vern  
Perry, and Perry Wells accom-  
panied her there and will spend  
a few days visiting relatives in  
Detroit and Pontiac.

#### Public Notice

Taxpayers and Electric Light  
Customers of Grayling:  
Wednesday morning, February  
8, a piece of literature was dis-  
tributed to the people of Gray-  
ling through the mail. This  
pamphlet, if you believe all that  
is printed on it, would lead you  
to believe that a municipal plant  
in Grayling would be a losing  
proposition. It is true that the  
revenue of the present system is  
as reported in this pamphlet, but  
they fail to tell you the revenue  
for 1938 was \$38,950. I person-  
ally inspected the books of the  
Michigan Public Service Com-  
pany for the year 1938 at the  
invitation of Mr. Sweeney, the  
local manager. The Michigan  
Public Service Company would  
lead you to believe that eighty  
per cent of the customers is  
eighty per cent of the revenue,  
but the only way this could pos-  
sibly be true would be if every  
customer in town paid exactly  
the same amount of money each  
month for light and power ser-  
vice.

From a recent house to house

survey for the month of Septem-  
ber the City found that there  
were 545 customers in the city,  
ninety-one were found to be com-  
mercial customers or less than  
twenty per cent of the total cus-  
tomers. They pay slightly over  
fifty per cent of the annual revenue.  
The balance of the custom-  
ers, or the remaining eighty per  
cent, pay slightly less than fifty  
per cent of the annual revenue.  
From the above survey you will  
readily understand that it is nec-  
essary for a city owned plant  
to obtain eighty per cent of the  
customers to receive eighty per  
cent of the revenue.

From the experiences of the  
City of Zealand, it was found  
when the city plant started op-  
erations in November, 1937, that  
the first customers to change to  
city service were the commercial  
customers, and today after three  
months' operation the City of  
Zealand Light and Power Plant  
is carrying approximately eighty  
five per cent to ninety per cent  
of the entire load and are con-  
necting up the balance just as fast  
as humanly possible.

Michigan Public Service would  
lead you to believe that the city  
will continue to pay them \$4500  
per year even though we have  
our own light and power plant.  
They would have you believe that  
the citizens of Grayling would  
continue to patronize them when  
the city has its own plant which  
will give much better service at  
lower rates. They would lead  
you to believe that the revenue  
in the City of Grayling is only  
\$35,197 for 1938 but an actual  
house to house survey conducted  
by the City showed that the cus-  
tomers actually paid approxi-  
mately \$37,500. Their own books  
show for the year 1938 that the  
company grossed \$38,950 for the  
year 1938. Why not base your  
opinion on these facts? Your  
city council and the engineers  
employed by them are simply  
trying to place before you the  
actual facts as found by statistics  
which have been compiled over a  
period of years, by experience of  
other communities—of our own  
size which have been through  
this trying experience and by  
figures furnished us by the Mich-  
igan Public Utilities Commission  
and an actual survey of the pres-  
ent system in the city. Your city  
council is your representative  
body and they are doing every-  
thing in their power to give you  
a true picture of this proposition.

Respectfully yours,  
George A. Granger,  
City Manager.

**SNOWMAN BUILDING CON-  
TEST ENDS THIS WEEK**

Boys and girls, this is your last  
chance to take part in the snow-  
man building contest. Saturday  
of this week, all snowmen will be  
judged, so if you have started a  
snowman that has not been com-  
pleted, it will be to your advan-  
tage to finish it immediately. Only  
completed snowmen will be eleg-  
ible in this contest. Anyone else

who may like to get in on this  
public spirited contest stop at the  
Shoppenagons Inn and register.

This is Winter Sports Carnival  
week and all snowmen will add  
color to the festivities. So come  
on boys and girls, let's put this  
contest with a bang! Remember  
these cash awards are waiting for  
you.

Grayling boys and girls, join  
the Boy Scouts in putting this  
worthy program on, and any as-  
surance offered by Grayling  
merchants or other folks will  
materialize their ambitions.

Announcement of winners in  
this contest will be made in this  
paper next week.

There are some fine snowmen  
under construction about town.  
Great effort has been made by  
these boys and girls and it has  
been quite discouraging at times  
for some of the contestants. Some  
unlucky individuals find glory  
in destroying the hard work of  
the boys and girls.

Remember, this is a Grayling  
Boy Scout project, and all other  
boys and girls participating.

#### Womans Club

The annual meeting of the  
Womans Club was held at the  
home of Miss Margrethe Bau-  
man.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy, president  
of the club, was in the chair. The  
following officers were elected for  
the ensuing year: President,  
Mrs. Stanley Stealy (2nd term);

vice pres., Mrs. Willard Cornett;  
2nd vice pres., Mrs. Wm. Hill;  
Recording Secretary, Miss Mar-  
garethe Bauman; Corresponding  
Secretary, Mrs. Gerald Poor;  
treas., Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Mr. L. Kramer and Mr. Royal  
Wright showed colored pictures  
of the Grayling Winter Sports  
which delighted the club mem-  
bers.

Mrs. Roy Milnes rendered two  
lovely solos, "Mighty Lak A  
Rose" Nevins, "Gypsy Love Song"  
Victor Herbert.

Miss Johnson played two piano  
selections: "Dream of Love",  
Listz; "Blue Danube Waltzes",  
Strauss.

#### Want Ads

**HOUSE FOR SALE**—Six rooms  
and garage, next to Julius  
Nielsen's. For particulars in-  
quire of Ernest Bissonette or call  
phone 31.

**FOR SALE**—Practically new  
Kalamazoo range, and other  
household furnishings. Inquire  
of J. W. Randolph.

**SALESMAN WANTED**—Am-  
bitious reliable man to call on  
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work. Write BOX 168, Bellefont-  
aine, Ohio.

## DAWSON'S Special

Friday and Saturday

DRENE SHAMPOO AND POND'S CREAM LOTION (50c Value) Both	53c
ASPIRIN TABLETS Bottle of 100's	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA 18 oz.	39c
MINERAL OIL 32 oz.	79c
MINERAL OIL 16 oz.	39c
RUBBING ALCOHOL Large size	29c
BAY RUM Large size	39c
CHOCOLAX Tin of 24's	19c
CHOCOLAX Tin of 6's	9c
PINE TAR AND HONEY COUGH SYRUP	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA TOOTH PASTE Large size	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA TOOTH PASTE Small size	19c
COD LIVER OIL TABLETS Bottle of 35's	79c
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# NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the  
City of Grayling:

By order of the City Council in resolution adopted January 17, 1939 and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, a special election will be held in the City of Grayling, Michigan, on February 20th, 1939, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon, until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following propositions:

## PROPOSITION ONE—

**Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And To Its Inhabitants, And To Issue General Obligation Bonds In Part Payment Thereof.**

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00, and in part payment thereof to issue General Obligation Bonds of the City of Grayling, in the amount of \$34,000.00.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## PROPOSITION TWO—

**Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And Issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds In Part Payment Thereof.**

Shall the City of Grayling acquire, by purchase or construction, or both, a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, the estimated cost thereof to be \$154,000.00 and in part payment thereof to issue Revenue Mortgage Bonds in the amount of \$120,000.00. Said bonds not to be a general obligation of said City of Grayling, but to be payable only from the gross revenues of the said Electric Light and Power System, after provision only for the reasonable operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and to be secured by a closed first mortgage on the property of the entire Electric Light and Power System of said City, including a franchise to the purchaser on foreclosure for the operation of said system for the period of Twenty Years after such purchase.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## PROPOSITION THREE—

**Proposal To Grant A Franchise To Be Included In The Mortgage Given As Security For Revenue Mortgage Bonds.**

Shall there be included in the mortgage to be given as security for Revenue Mortgage Bonds to be issued as part payment of the cost of acquiring a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, a franchise to be granted by the City of Grayling to the purchaser on foreclosure of said mortgage to operate said Electric Generating Plant and Distribution System for a period of Twenty (20) years from the date of such foreclosure, said franchise to be as follows:

This Agreement made and entered into between the City of Grayling, Michigan, a Municipal Corporation, by its Mayor and Clerk on its behalf, and duly authorized by the City Council and the affirmative vote of the electors of said City, as party of the first part, to and for the benefit of the purchaser or purchasers of the works for supplying the City of Grayling, and in case said works should be sold upon the foreclosure of a mortgage, then the purchaser taking title to said property shall be entitled to all the benefits of this franchise, which shall be as follows, witnesseth:

### ARTICLE 1.

Permission is hereby granted unto the purchaser of the works for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, and the successors and assigns of such purchaser, to construct, equip, erect, maintain and operate conductors for conducting electricity in, under and upon the streets, alleys and public places of the City of Grayling and to operate it as a separate, distinct utility, and to maintain and keep such connection, subject to all reasonable restrictions thereon as shall be prescribed by the Council of said City, either by resolution or by ordinance.

### ARTICLE 2.

Permission is hereby given to said purchaser (if any purchaser there ever be) or to its successors and assigns, to sell, furnish and supply electric current to any citizen, inhabitant, person, partnership, association or corporation within the City of Grayling.

### ARTICLE 3.

This franchise shall apply to all property rights and interests of the City of Grayling in its works for supplying electric light and power to the City and its inhabitants and all extensions, betterments and new equipment which have been made or added thereto by said City prior to the taking effect of this franchise, together with the extensions and betterments

which may thereafter be made from time to time by the grantee during the life of this franchise.

### ARTICLE 4.

The rates, tariffs and charges which the said purchaser or its successors or assigns shall be permitted to charge for electrical current with the City of Grayling shall be such rates, tariffs and charges as may be agreed upon by and between the purchaser and the said City of Grayling and in case such rates, tariffs and charges cannot be agreed upon by said purchaser and said City of Grayling, then the rates and charges may be fixed by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, or its successors, from time to time, upon the application of either party and due hearing thereon.

### ARTICLE 5.

In consideration of the foregoing permission the purchaser (if there ever should be such) and its successors or assigns, agree that he or it will furnish all necessary required electrical current at the rates above specified.

### ARTICLE 6.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all questions of service shall be referred to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors and its decision shall be binding upon the parties.

### ARTICLE 7.

The privilege and authority granted hereby to the purchaser of said property (if ever there should be such) carry with them the condition that said purchaser agrees that at all times during the life of this agreement and for the purpose solely of the City he or it will furnish to the City or its duly authorized agents, such information regarding the income, expense, physical value and other items as the City may desire as recorded on the books of such person or company or its assigns.

### ARTICLE 8.

The grantee in the construction, maintenance, extension and repair of said public utility shall not unnecessarily interrupt or obstruct the use of any street, lane, alley or other public thoroughfare and in crossing the same with wires shall erect such wires at such reasonable altitude as the Council may prescribe and when it shall in any way open any of the thoroughfares for the construction or maintenance of any underground construction it shall replace such thoroughfare in as good condition as before said opening and said grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expense which shall arise or be caused by the occupancy or the use of the streets, lanes, alleys, avenues or other public thoroughfares by said grantee.

### ARTICLE 9.

If said grantee shall for any reason whatsoever refuse, neglect and fail to furnish to the City or its inhabitants the product or service designed to be furnished by said plant, or fail or refuse to comply with any of the terms of this franchise, unavoidable accidents, strikes and the acts of God excepted, for a period of Thirty (30) days unless the Council of the City of Grayling shall extend said period of time, then said Grantee shall forfeit all right to operate said plant in and under this franchise and this franchise shall immediately terminate and become void.

### ARTICLE 10.

This agreement (in case the same becomes operative by a sale as above set forth) and the privilege granted herein shall extend for a period of Twenty (20) years from date of the taking effect of the deed issued on the sale of the premises and property above set forth.

### ARTICLE 11.

This agreement shall accompany the mortgage to be given upon the utility and shall become effective only in case the City of Grayling shall default in the payment of said mortgage, and there should be a foreclosure of said mortgage and the title to the property mortgaged, in said mortgage, should pass absolutely by reason of such foreclosure, but then and in that case this franchise shall be the franchise under which the purchaser of said utility shall operate and shall before being put into effect be accepted by the purchaser and the owner of such works to supply the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this..... day of..... A. D. 1939.

By..... Mayor

By..... Clerk

For the purchasers under said Mortgage.

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE  
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 10, 1916

The Grayling Lodge Knights of Pythias entertained their friends at their second annual ball at the new school gymnasium Wednesday evening. Installation of the newly elected officers was the first on the program. The officers installed were: W. M. Case, captain; Marius Hanson, 1st lieutenant; Einar Hasmusson, 2nd lieutenant; O. P. Schumann, recorder and 2nd sergeant; Geo. W. McCullough, treasurer; P. L. Brown, guard; Carl Johnson, sergeant; and Nikolai Schjutz, 1st sergeant. With Capt. Case in command, the company put on an exhibition drill that was loudly applauded by the spectators. The orchestra under the direction of Dan Russo opened the dancing with a two-step.

Miss Marie Anderson left the forepart of the week for a visit with relatives in Saginaw.

Carl Nelson expects to leave town Saturday for Detroit, where he has a position with the Ford Motor Company.

Guy Peterson has resigned his position at the Sorenson Barber Shop and is now working on the F. H. Milks delivery wagon.

Clarence Johnson returned to his duties at the Dillmont Company in Bay City after spending several days visiting at his home here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Johannesburg, a fine son, on January 31.

Miss Medea Sorenson left Saturday for Detroit after a week's visit with friends here.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McPeak Thursday, February 3.

Miss Nellie Loos, assistant principal of the High school, was called to her home in Vassar Monday, and Mrs. T. P. Peterson is taking her place during her absence.

Carl Sorenson has sold his barber shop in the Burton Hotel building to Sam Kastenholtz, and the latter will take possession Monday. At one time these gentlemen were associated in business in this shop. Mr. Kastenholtz selling out to the former nearly a year ago. Mr. Sorenson will move to Detroit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates entertained a number of guests Thursday and Friday who were in attendance at the K. of P. ball. Miss Lillian Bates was home from Vanderbilt. Miss Naomi Chapman of Saginaw, Miss Loren Simms of Bay City and Mr.

Leonard Burnett of Cadillac, were her guests.

Ray Amundson, during his vacation here is assisting in the Hathaway jewelry store, during the absence of Carlton Meistrup, who is confined to his home with an injury of the foot.

Miss Gertrude Foley of Luzerne has entered the eighth grade and is making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. Palmer.

Misses Doris and Carrie LaGrow and Nellie Charlefour were hostesses to the Queen's Social club last evening at the Tetu command. The company put on an exhibition drill that was loudly applauded by the spectators. The orchestra under the direction of Dan Russo opened the dancing with a two-step.

Thursday evening Miss Anna Fischer and Irving Hodge of Atlanta, two of Grayling's most popular young people, stole a march on their friends and went to the M. E. parsonage, where they were united in marriage by the Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The young couple left on the early morning train for the home of the groom's parents, where they will make their home for the present.

Mrs. Julius Gehse and children of Bay City arrived here Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappel.

Irving Abbott and Joe Rice returned to Rose City Saturday after a several week's visit with relatives.

### School Notes (23 Years Ago)

Little Marian "Thymoids" sang at the opening exercises Monday morning.

Arthur Cullahan has been elected basketball manager of the second team.

### Lovells (23 Years Ago)

Miss Virgil Caid returned to Lansing to her work after spending a week visiting with her people.

Mrs. Bills left for Saginaw Saturday, where she will visit with friends until Tuesday, then will leave for Detroit to remain the remainder of the winter.

Friday evening a house owned by T. E. Douglas and occupied by A. Gutshak was completely destroyed by fire and also all the contents.

C. W. Keuhl of Saginaw and Mr. Nash and son-in-law of Flint spent Saturday and Sunday at the Keuhl cabin. Mr. Nash is preparing to build a fine cottage in the early spring.

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## City Council Proceedings

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the tenth day of January A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jensen. Absent: None.

The meeting was called to consider the adoption of an emergency health ordinance.

Dr. Clippert, Dr. Stealy, School Nurse Gorman and Health Officer Bissonette were present.

Moved by Burke, supported by Milnes that Ordinance No. 8 entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for Isolation and Quarantine of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Within the City of Grayling" be accepted, approved and adopted.

The City of Grayling Ordains:

That whereas there now exists within the City of Grayling a dangerous epidemic of scarlet fever, measles and septic sore throat, and

Whereas it is the opinion of the Common Council of said City, sitting as the Board of Health thereof that a state of emergency exists and that drastic steps are necessary to stop the spread of said diseases for the protection of the health of the inhabitants of said City,

Now Therefore it is Ordained as follows:

1. That from and after the effective date hereof the health officer of said City shall isolate all cases and suspected cases of hemolytic streptococcus sore throat and shall place a placard on the premises in which any such case or suspected case may be. That all such cases and suspected cases occurring within said City shall be reported to the health officer thereof, who shall cause to be taken throat cultures from all such cases and suspected cases and have the same submitted to the laboratory of the Michigan Department of Health and if such cultures are found to be positive for hemolytic streptococcus sore throat, then every such case shall remain isolated until throat cultures taken therefrom and submitted as aforesaid shall become negative or until such time that a duly qualified physician shall determine such case to be no longer infectious.

2. That any person within said City who shall refuse to remain isolated after the placing of a placard by said health officer on the premises in which such person may be, or who shall leave such premises before such placard is removed, and any person entering such placarded premises except those legally entitled to do so, and any parent or other person having the custody of any child or children who shall fail to report any case or suspected case of scarlet fever, measles or hemolytic streptococcus sore throat, and any other person violating the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as hereinafter set forth.

3. This ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of sixty days from the effective date hereof or until such time as the Common Council of said City shall determine said emergency to have passed and shall again become effective when so ordered by said Common Council; provided in case said Council should again order said ordinance to become effective—public notice thereof shall be given by publication at least once in the Crawford Avalanche and by posting a copy of the same in at least three public places within said City.

4. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be punished by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the Crawford County

## DEPT. OF STATE

STATE NEWS BULLETIN

### Kelly Warns March First Auto Tag Deadline

With the deadline approaching when the 1938 license plates will no longer be legal, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, points out that over 5,000 automobile titles, lost by their owners in the past, are being held by the Department until their owners realize their loss and inquire for them.

If the correct addresses were known, these titles would of course be sent to their owners, but the file of "lost titles" contains only those which postal authorities have returned after not being able to deliver because of faulty addresses given by applicants for titles.

Kelly points out that annually thousands of people are frustrated for a time at least by a frantic search for their car titles which they must present when they apply for plates.

With well over 1,200,000 motor vehicles still without their 1939 license plates and the deadline set by law at midnight, February 28, Kelly points to an inevitable jam at every Department of State Branch Office in the State at the end of this month. He stresses the fact that the 1937 legislature designated the last day of February as the final date for plate or permit purchase each year and neither the Secretary of State or any other official of the State or municipal official has any discretionary power to extend the date permitting the use of 1938 plates. He suggests that those deferring their purchase of plates through necessity make certain at this time that they have their titles available.

Motorists are urged to purchase their plates as early as possible to avoid the discomforts of standing in line. Half-year plates are now on sale at all Branch Offices of the Department of State.



Because automobile drivers in the country have been aroused to the need of safe driving, America reduced its automobile fatalities in 1938 by at least 7,500. Accurate figures are not yet available but the first 11 months of '38 showed that reduction.

All you readers have helped to establish this fine record. The saving of 7,500 lives proves that by concentrated effort a further reduction is possible in 1939.

That is your job. Safety is an individual problem. States, counties, and cities can inaugurate safety programs but actual application of safe driving is the responsibility of the man behind the wheel.

Safety is 99% commonsense—accidents are 99% thoughtlessness.

It's smart to drive carefully.

Jail for not to exceed ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the Court.

5. This ordinance is ordered to take immediate effect.

Yeas: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jensen, Burke. Nays: None.

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger, City Clerk.

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## Registration Notice

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford:

Notice is hereby given that a registration will be held in the Grayling Township Hall in the City of Grayling in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on

**Tuesday, February 14, 1939**  
from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, for reviewing registrations and registering for the Primary Election to be held on Monday, April 3, 1939.

Dated February 4, 1939.

By order of  
Dan C. Babbitt,  
Township Clerk.

## Peoples Caucus

People's Caucus for the Township of Grayling will be held at the

**Court House, Grayling, Mich., MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1939**

at 8:00 P. M. (Sharp) Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices, to wit:

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Justice of Peace for Full Term (4 yrs.), Member of Board of Review, and 4 Constables, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

These nominations to be made for election to be held Monday, April 3rd, 1939.

Dated February 4th, 1939.

By order of  
Dan C. Babbitt,  
Township Clerk.

## MOPS SIMPLIFY CARE OF FLOORS

Wood floors with fine finishes, such as shellac, varnish or floor seal, combined with wax, should never be scrubbed with water. Sweeping or dry mopping should be all that is necessary, it appears from information gathered by the agricultural extension service of Michigan State College.

To make a good dry floor mop, the forest products laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommends barely dampening a soft cotton mop with a mixture consisting of three parts of kerosene and one part of paraffin oil. When the mop becomes dirty, it should be washed in hot soap and water, dried, and again dampened with the mixture of kerosene and paraffin oil.

Exceptional patches of dirt that cannot be removed in this way may be taken off by rubbing the area lightly with fine steel wool moistened with turpentine. Where the finish is one of the new floor seals, badly soiled spots, such as gray spots where water has stood on the floor for a time, can be sanded by hand, patched with seal, and buffed with a pad of steel wool. Then if the rest of the floor is waxed, the spotted areas should be waxed.

Varnish finish, if kept in good condition, offers protection against water scars; but if it does become stained it is not so easily repaired.

The wood experts of the forest products laboratory recommend renewing a wax finish every 4 to 6 months, depending on the amount of wear on the floor.

## GENERAL BESSERLEY BACK ON THE SCENE

Once again, the unpredictable General Besserley meets a lady and a thrilling spy adventure in the first of a new and dramatic series of stories by that master of intriguing mysteries, E. Phillips Oppenheim.

Be sure to read "The Elusive Princess". It appears complete in This Week, the popular color-gravure magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News.

## Health & Hygiene

### REPEATED COLDS

Mrs. J.D.M. writes that her 7-year-old girl was ill last winter with pneumonia and this spring had the whooping cough. An X-ray shows enlarged lymph nodes of the chest. This summer she is improving, but has a fresh cold every few weeks, with cough and fever.

Mrs. M. wishes to know what can be done to build up the child's resistance. Would an immune serum or vaccine be of value? She wishes to establish some immunity so that the child will not become seriously ill during the coming winter.

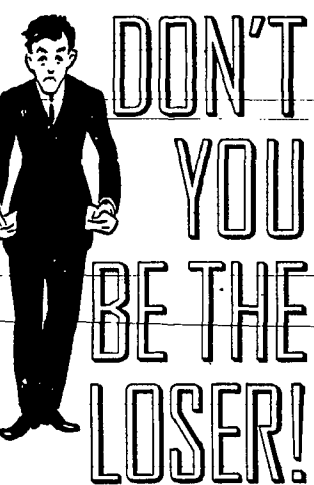
In this climate there are large numbers of these small children whose resistance to upper respiratory infection is so greatly diminished that every mild cold becomes a major illness. A child of this type should play quietly in the sunshine two to four hours daily, resting both in the morning and afternoon, as well as sleeping 10 to 12 hours at night. In some instances, the child is kept in bed throughout the day and night until the weight has increased and fever and cough have disappeared.

The removal of areas of local infection, such as diseased tonsils and adenoids, which carry infection from one cold to the next will diminish the susceptibility to colds. It is assumed that the urine examination is negative and that the teeth are not diseased. Should there be a susceptibility to asthma or hayfever in the family, this should be taken into consideration when the child is examined by the physician.

Another point is food. The child should have an abundance of calcium, iodine and iron. This can be obtained from menus containing milk, eggs, vegetables, fruits, calves livers two or three times weekly or the iron and iodine may be given by the family pediatrician as medication.

An alternative in managing these children is to remove them to a southern climate for one or two winters. There are no serums or vaccines which can replace rest, good food and the elimination of local infections in the throat. The child should not be permitted to play until she is physically exhausted. The radical measure of putting the child to bed, while a severe form of treatment, gives excellent results in the shortest possible time and does not preclude fresh air and sunshine.

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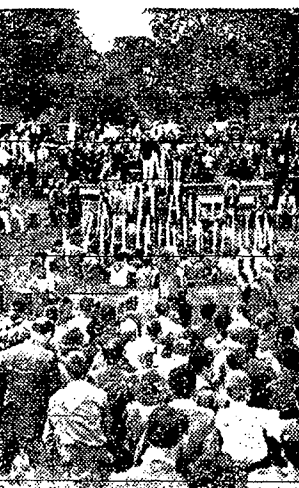
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## Boy Scout Week Offers Tribute To Daniel Beard



More than any other man, 88-year-old Daniel Carter Beard has been the inspiration for American Boy Scouts, now observing their annual "week." Pioneer woodsman, artist, author, friend of youth, "Uncle Dan" Beard is the only man to receive the Boy Scout golden eagle badge. He is one of three men to be awarded the Roosevelt gold medal for distinguished service. Years ago, when the Scout movement struggled in infancy, Dan Beard was one of the men who got behind it and pushed.



Last summer's birthday party for Dan Beard at Suffern, N. Y., his home, was a tribute to the modern Scout's regard for "Uncle Dan." A human birthday cake, shown above, was one feature of the party. Mr. Beard was originator and founder of the first Boy Scout society from which the English scouts and others were modeled. Though many people forget he is an artist, "Uncle Dan" has done illustrations for many newspapers, magazines and books.



Dan Beard attributes his good health at 88 to the right kind of living. Above, surrounded by friends, the nation's oldest Boy Scout is being congratulated by another youth enthusiast, Col. Theodore Roosevelt. This year's Boy Scout week is a tribute to "Uncle Dan," not because he is being remembered more than usual, nor because he is taking special interest in the week's activities, but because this nation-wide youth organization might not be celebrating were it not for his life-long sponsorship of the work.

**Grasshoppers' Protein Content**  
Chemical analyses have shown dried bodies of grasshoppers have a high protein content.

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The vanilla plant is an herb and belongs to the family of climbing orchids. It thrives for about 50 years. The fruit of the vanilla plant is a round bean, 8 to 10 inches long. These pods are picked before ripe, dried and then fermented. The latter process produces the flavor and smell of vanilla.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ira Leonard, deceased.

Len Isenhauer having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of March A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling, in said County, on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Emil Krage, deceased.

Merle F. Nellist having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that the 20th day of February A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford-Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of Grayling, in said county, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John Benson, deceased.

Jerome Kessler having filed in said court his annual account as administrator of said estate, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered, that Monday the 13th day of February, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery.

Melvin L. Enyart, Plaintiff

vs.

Alice A. Enyart, Defendant

It appearing by affidavit of Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff, that the Defendant, Alice A. Enyart, is residing in the State of Indiana.

On motion of the said Merle F. Nellist it is hereby ordered that the defendant, Alice A. Enyart, cause her appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date hereof, or default will be taken, and that this order be published as is required by law.

Dated January 3, 1939.

John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge.

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff, Grayling, Michigan.

**Cavedwellers Used Gloves**  
The use of gloves was probably known to prehistoric cave dwellers.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in the said county, on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Harry Hum, deceased.

It appearing to the court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is ordered, that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court at said Probate Office on or before the 5th day of June A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery.

Merle F. Nellist Administrator of the Estate of William Remer, Deceased.

Plaintiff.

vs.

Marillia Clark and John L. Clark and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns. Defendants.

It appearing by affidavit of Merle F. Nellist, that the whereabouts of Marillia Clark, John L. Clark and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns is unknown or in what state or country they reside is unknown to deponent.

On motion of the said Merle F. Nellist it is hereby ordered that the defendants above mentioned cause their appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date hereof, or default will be taken, and that this order be published as is required by law.

Dated January 3, 1939.

John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge

These proceedings are instituted to quiet title to the following described real estate, namely:

A piece of parcel of land bounded by and enclosed within a line as follows: Beginning at a point 517 feet east and 500 feet north of the south 1/4 post on the west section line of Section 8 town 26 north range 3 west thence running north 154 feet, thence west approximately 250 feet to the east bank of the AuSable river; thence southerly along the easterly bank of the AuSable river approximately thence east approximately 250 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 8 town 26 north, range 3 west, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Merle F. Nellist, Grayling, Michigan.

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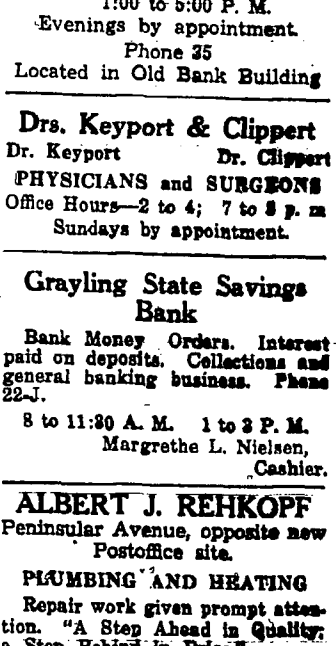
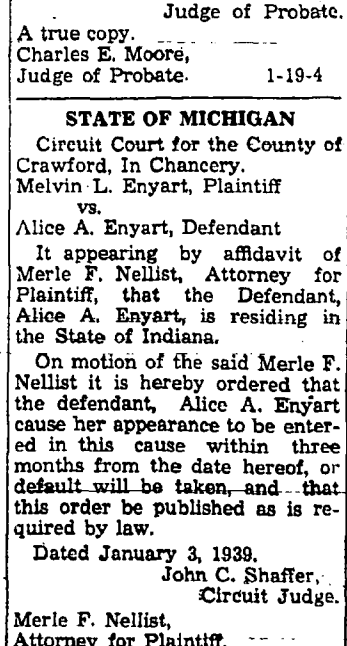
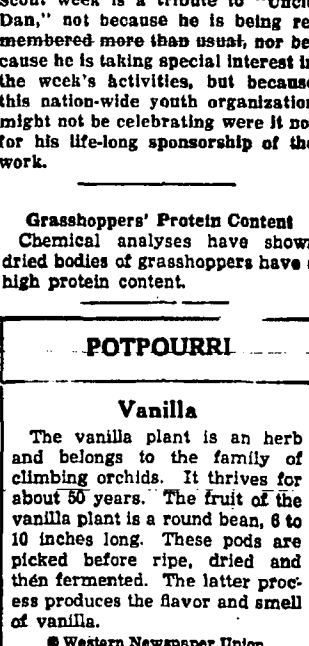
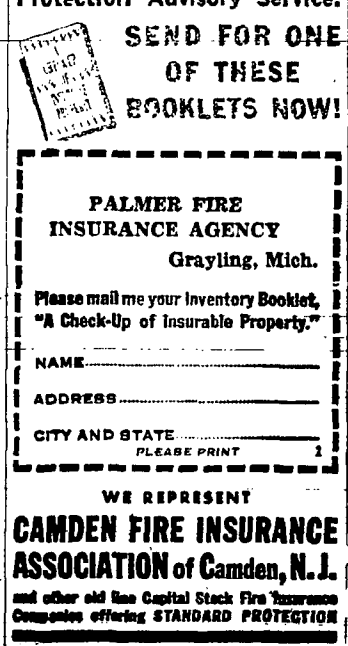
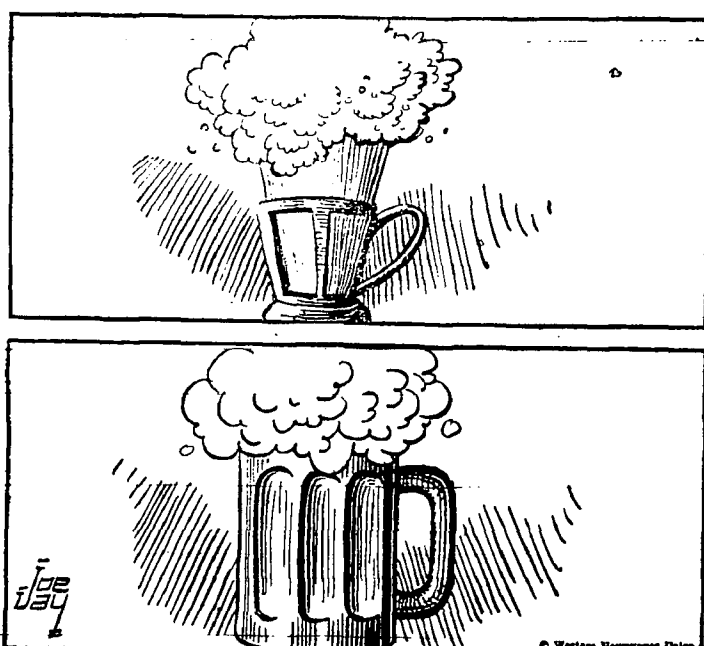
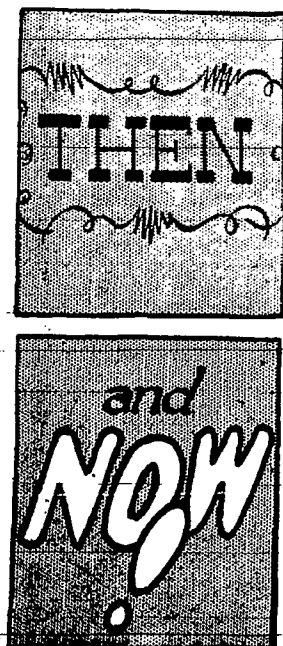
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Written and Directed by Lew Fonseca



A four reel sound-on-film movie in both 16 mm. and 35 mm. size, safety film, running time approximately forty-five minutes. Showing the birth of baseball from 1839 to 1939.

The following cast appears in this Baseball movie:

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Joe McCarthy	Robert Feller	Ted Lyons
Del Baker	Cecil Travis	Emil Leonard
Bucky Harris	Joe Gordon	Hank Greenberg
Oscar Vitt	Johnny Allen	Jimmy Foxx
Joe Cronin	Spurgeon Chandler	Kenneth Keltner
Joe DiMaggio	George McQuinn	Monte Pearson
Lou Gehrig	George Caster	Buck Newsum
Charles Ruffing	Luke Sewell	Tommy Bridges
Vernon Gomez	Mel Harder	Marvin Owen
Bill Werber	Joe Voshnik	John Heath
Monty Stratton	George Case	Jo Jo White
James Bagby, Jr.	Mike Kreevich	Lefty Grove
Bing Miller	Herb Pennock	Cy Young
Tris Speaker	Ed. Walsh	Larry Rosenthal

The American League will have ready for distribution beginning January 1, 1939, this new sound-on-film baseball movie giving the history of the game, fundamentals of play and highlights of the past season.

Slow motion shots on pitching, fielding, base-running, batting by the Stars of Baseball.

Johnny Allen, Monty Pearson and Spurgeon Chandler explain pitching fundamentals. Kenneth Keltner, infield play. George McQuinn, first base play.

Here, Fans, is a special sequence on problem plays and decisions for you to decide. Don't miss this treat, both interesting and exciting. Important shots of the Old-Timers' Game played at Cleveland, July 6, 1938.

The purpose of the picture is to teach the youngster baseball, and by showing the American League Stars in their various positions, on the screen in sound, the ambitious youngster will learn much and help to develop future big leaguers.

Also, to give the fans a better knowledge of the many inside plays of the game to help them enjoy and understand their baseball.

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Exhibited by Courtesy of the Rialto Theatre. High school pupils should see Coach Willard Cornell for admittance.



### To Make A Long Tale Short

about the tightest man we know is a Scotch restaurant owner who heats the knives so his customers can't use much butter. We are in business to make bread and butter, and the very best way we know to get a little bigger loaf, and a little more butter to put on it, is to give every one of our customers a square deal, for that makes boosters out of them.

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## LOCALS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1939

Mrs. Jack Clark is taking a vacation from her duties at the Kraus' Dry Goods Store.

Two days left to buy Rubbers and Artics at 20% off regular price, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

Home Extension Group Four will meet at the home of Mrs. Gerald Poor Tuesday afternoon, February 14.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Stockholm entertained the members of the Reading Club which has been re-organized, Thursday afternoon at their home.

Roger Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, was dismissed from Mercy Hospital Monday after being a patient there since the first of January.

Miss Mildred Hanson resumed her duties Tuesday at the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co. offices after a few days' illness.

Mrs. Don Reynolds entertained the members of the Just Us Club at her home Wednesday evening. Various games were enjoyed by the group until the hostess served a delicious lunch.

The social meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Legion hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 14. Each member may invite a guest. The meeting called for the Feb. 7th date was an error.

Miss Hazel Wilkin, who is on the Winter Sports Queen's court, underwent an appendectomy at Mercy Hospital Saturday. This is very unfortunate for Miss Wilkin as well as for the court. It is hoped she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Case are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Terry Norton, born to them at their home Saturday.

Frank Case, who has been employed as cook at the Plaza Grill for some time, has accepted employment as cook at the Top-O-Michigan restaurant in Gaylord. He started his duties there Monday and Mrs. Case and son will move there soon.

In the window of the Kraus' 5c to \$1 Store is a fine display of art by students of the Recreation Art Program, with Benny Jorgenson as instructor. These are pictures done by the High School student class, and show that there is a lot of talent among the members. These lessons in art taught by Mr. Jorgenson are free and many of the pupils are taking advantage of the opportunity to join them.

Mrs. Ronnow Hanson was hostess at a lovely shower at her home Thursday evening, in honor of Mrs. Robert LaMotte. Three tables of pinocle and one of Chinese Checkers were in play during the evening, with Mrs. Frank Sales and Miss Gail Welsh receiving high scores and Miss Elma Mae Sorenson, low score. Later in the evening a delicious lunch was served. Mrs. LaMotte received many pretty gifts.

Liland Smock returned home Sunday from Ann Arbor where he had been a patient since the second of October. He had been ill since July with abscesses of the lungs, and submitted to two operations while at University Hospital. He is feeling and looking very much improved and his many friends are glad to have him back home again. Mrs. Smock and son Don and Miss Bernita Chappel drove to Ann Arbor to accompany him home.

Only two more days to buy Florsheim Shoes at \$7.85, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy was hostess to her Bridge Club Saturday at a very lovely luncheon. The blue cloth that covered the table accented the vari-colored gourds and cactus plants of the Mexican motif that graced its center. The Mexican idea was carried out in every detail excepting the siesta. The guests were quite awake to the charm of the party. Mrs. Emil Giegling held the high score for contract. Mrs. Royal Wright and Mrs. Harold Cliff were guests.

Don't forget the Firemen's Annual Benefit Ball to be held at the High School gymnasium on Washington's Birthday, February 22. The Melody Makers, of Lake City, a new 8-piece orchestra will furnish the music. This orchestra has an amplifying system and promises to furnish the dancers with extra good dance music. Admission 75c a couple; Extra ladies 25c. Come and bring your friends; fun for all.

Tuesday evening the Masons-Legion pinocle tournament went into its fifth evening with the Legionaires finishing far in the lead. It looks now as tho the Legionaires would win the tournament. Tuesday Wilfred Laurant and Jack McMillan held high score for the Legionaires and Ronnow Hanson, and George Hilton for the Masons. Next Wednesday evening all members of the Legion and Masons are urged to come and spend an evening; you'll enjoy it very much. Refreshments, cigars, cigarettes and candy are served during the evening by George Burrows.

Only two days left to buy Red Cross Shoes at \$5.95, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

There will be a card party at St. Mary's parish hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, and the public is cordially invited. Bring your partners and play your favorite game.

The Lake Margrethe residents had their pot-luck dinner at the Wm. Hill home Saturday evening. After dinner the group played bridge, with Mrs. Thomas, and Stanley Flower holding high scores.

There will be a mass meeting at the South Side school at 8:00 o'clock tonight for the purpose of discussion of the provisions of the municipal electric plant for Grayling. Everyone urged to be present.

Eight little friends of Joan Thompson had a happy time at her birthday party Thursday afternoon, it being her eighth birthday. Indoor games were enjoyed and Joan's mother served a delicious lunch.

Anyone having a vacant room for use over the week end, please notify Shoppemagons Inn.

Some people seem to be getting a lot of laughs over the pamphlet based on "ifs", that was in the mails Wednesday, sent out by the Michigan Public Service Co.

Men's Spats, \$1.25 values for 75c, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

County Treasurer Wm. Ferguson attended a day's meeting of Michigan County Treasurers at Lansing, Friday. New tax legislation was discussed at this meeting. Sixty-one out of 83 counties were represented, which is even better than at their summer meetings.

Paul Frechette, and George Shillaire Jr., of Pontiac were arrested Sunday by Sheriff Jack Papendick. Frechette was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was fined \$50 and costs. Shillaire was arrested on a disorderly charge and was fined \$10 and costs.

John McCormick, age 55, a member of the Pigeon River CCC camp at Vanderbilt passed away early Monday morning at Mercy Hospital from injuries received when, it is reported, he was struck by a car on a street in Gaylord. The remains are at the Grayling Funeral Home awaiting the arrival of relatives.

Roger Kessler, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kessler was the victim of a peculiar accident Saturday. He was sitting on his mother's lap, and when she went to put him down a needle in her dress caught in the child's back and broke off. It was not until Tuesday that the needle point was located and removed at Mercy Hospital.

Friday evening the State Highway Maintenance crew surprised Floyd Goshorn at his home by dropping in to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary. Cards were enjoyed during the evening until lunch was served. Mr. Goshorn was injured early last fall while working and has been laid up since.

Fritz Heath's side of the Legion Drum and Bugle corps gave a party at the hall last Wednesday night to raise money for their part of the fund they are supposed to raise by March 17. They had all kinds of snares to get one's money. There was lots of eats, but you had to pay for everything you ate and drank, and had to pay plenty. There was oyster stew, fried blue gills, and sandwiches of many kinds.

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## Grayling Wins From Mancelona, 24 to 15

Grayling High gained a revenge victory over Mancelona and at the same time moved into a tie with Boyne City for the conference leadership as the Green and White took a 24 to 15 decision from the boys from Antrim last Friday night and Boyne with four wins and a defeat each, climbed atop the heap. Boyne's one loss was a two-time overtime defeat by Grayling, and Grayling lost to Mancelona before Christmas. The tie was at stake in the game played at Grayling Tuesday night of this week.

Coch Cornell's boys lost no time in piling up a lead on Mancelona's big rangy team. It was 14-0 at the quarter and 15-5 at the half. Both teams scored four points in the third period, and Mancelona spurred in the fourth to make a bid for victory. They pulled the score up to 13 to 19 at one time but weren't able to climb any more and dropped nine points behind as the game ended. Grayling was master of the situation clear through and deserved to win. Mancelona won the Reserve game in the second half. After a 6-6 count at the half they went on to a 20 to 8 victory.

Grayling—24				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Deckrow, f		2	1	5
Smock, f		6	0	12
Tibbetts, f		0	0	0
Moshier, c		1	1	3
Kraus, c		0	0	0
Lovely, g		0	0	0
Petersen, g		1	0	2
McClain, g		1	0	2
Total		11	2	24

Mancelona—15				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Thomas, f		3	0	6
Sumner, f		0	0	0
Turnipseed, f		4	1	9
Handy, c		0	0	0
Smith, c		0	0	0
Dickenson, g		0	0	0
Adrian, g		0	0	0
Motte, g		0	0	0
Heems, g		0	0	0
Total		7	1	15

### VISIT COLLEGE TOWN

Snow Queen Frances Entsminger and the members of her court, Pauline Merrill, Norberta Weiss, Roberta Austin, Gloria LaMotte and Hazel Wilkins spent last Thursday afternoon and evening in Mt. Pleasant. The girls were guests of Queen Frances' sister Pauline, who is a student at Central State Teachers College.

The girls dressed in their snow togs with banners proclaiming who they were, were given a royal welcome in the college town. They were entertained and feasted and Queen Frances says "She doesn't think they will ever get over talking about the nice time they had." The young ladies in turn spread a lot of propaganda about Grayling's Winter Sports Park and the approaching carnival.

The young ladies were taken on the trip through the courtesy of Amos Hunter, proprietor of Grayling Dairy.

### Hi Ho on "History"

"History," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "is often generous toward those who make mistakes, provided the mistakes are sufficiently large and magnificent."

# FACTS about the Municipal Plant Question

## TO THE CITIZENS OF GRAYLING . . .

In the Grayling paper of Thursday, February 2nd, 1939, there appeared on the front page (and also in folder form distributed about town) under the heading "PUBLIC NOTICE" an article purporting to give you "straight facts and figures about the proposed municipal owned electric light and power plant", as found by the engineers employed by the city councilmen.

We wish to advise you that some of the figures and conclusions given therein are grossly inaccurate and untrue—possibly misstated in an effort to make it appear that the proposed plant would "clear an \$8,000.00 profit per year". We know the figures to be untrue because they are figures about our business which are a matter of public record.

Several of the paragraphs following item No. 14, of the newspaper and folder article, are the ones which should be studied most carefully and really dug into. Please note particularly the following paragraphs appearing in the article referred to, which are reprinted below and marked (a), (b), (c), for convenient reference.

### —This is What They Claim—

- (a) "The revenue of the present system as shown by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission's report is approximately \$38,000.00 per year. Assuming that the City would have only 80 percent of the customers and using the present rate structure the revenue to the city would be \$35,000.00 per year."
- (b) "To operate, maintain and pay off the bonds and interest as it falls due on the plant will require the sum of \$27,000.00 per year. In other words, the City would clear an \$8,000.00 profit per year on the plant if the present rates were used."
- (c) "The engineers on this project recommend a reduction in rates thereby doing away with a part of the \$3,000.00, but passing on to the people of Grayling an immediate benefit and still allowing the city to make a profit."

The first sentence of the above paragraph (a) states that "The revenue of the present system as shown by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission's report is approximately \$38,000.00 per year". That is not true, and the correct figures should have been known to whoever prepared the article because the engineers' report, from which the figure is claimed to have been taken, shows on Plate No. 1 the correct total revenue figures of our company in Grayling for each of the years 1930-1937 inclusive, as they were reported to the State Commission. These total revenue figures for the 8 years shown in the engineers' report are given below for your information and reference:

Year	Total Revenue
1930	\$30,578.07
1931	\$31,719.79
1932	\$29,979.88
1933	\$27,769.41
1934	\$29,399.22
1935	\$31,671.15
1936	\$31,920.00
1937	\$34,550.00

Please note that the revenue for 1937 was the largest of the 8 years shown and was only \$34,550—not "approximately \$38,000.00", as claimed in the article. That is a discrepancy of only a few thousands to be sure, but a few thousand dollars one way or the other can make a tremendous difference, as will be pointed out.

Please note also that during the 8 years for which total revenue figures are shown above, there were years when the total revenue was very substantially less than in 1937. It will always be true that when general business conditions are poor, electric revenues will suffer the same as other kinds of business, and if those who want a municipal light plant in Grayling are figuring that their revenue will always continue to increase, and never go down, they are making a very bad mistake.

Next, please note that the last sentence of the paragraph marked (a) assumes that should the city plant have 80% of the customers, with the present rates, they would have \$35,000 of revenue per year.

That is incorrect because—

In the first place — 80% of \$38,000 is not \$35,000, it is only \$30,400. That is another small discrepancy of a few thousand dollars.

In the second place — as already pointed out, there isn't any \$38,000 of total yearly revenue to start with. There was only \$34,550 for 1937, and 80% of that is only \$27,640 instead of the \$35,000 yearly revenue the city is counting on. So even IF they got 80% of the revenue they would not have the \$8,000 profit they claim, but after taking out the yearly operating and bond charges, which they admit will be \$27,000 (read (b) paragraph) there would remain only \$640—and they would have that much only IF they should get 80% of the business—and IF every other estimate of the engineers is exactly right—and IF they should have no unlooked for breakdowns or accidents or bad luck—and a good many other ifs. But that is not all by any means because—

In the third place—they have no assurance whatever that a city plant would get 80% of the revenue or anything like it. As a matter of fact, they would be fortunate if they got as much as 50% of the business, which is about the average when municipal plants go into competition with existing utilities.

In the fourth place — Please figure out with us what would happen should Grayling build the proposed plant and get only 50% of the business. Also, please bear in mind that they might easily get still less than 50%. The Company's total 1937 revenue was \$34,550. Our 1938 revenue was not reported to the State Commission when the city's engineers got the figures for the other years, but we will tell you that it was \$35,197, and since that is slightly more favorable to the municipal side of the question, let us use that and call it \$35,200. Then the city would get half of that, or \$17,600 as annual revenue. Which would be \$9,400 short of the \$27,000 the city has to have every year to meet operating expenses and bond charges. In other words, there would be a yearly loss of \$9,400 instead of the \$8,000 profit claimed in the city article.

The difference between \$8,000 profit and \$9,400 loss is \$17,400 per year, and it shows that in considering a matter of this kind, or any business problem involving the question of whether there will be a profit or a loss, it is highly important to avoid the careless and erroneous handling and use of figures, whether intentional or unintentional, and to really dig into the conclusions reached to see if they are correct.

Paragraph (c) says that the city's engineers "recommend a reduction of rates, thereby doing away with a part"—of the profit they are counting on. In the foregoing it has been clearly shown that instead of any profit whatever there is much more likely to be a yearly loss of \$9,400, or even more, so it appears there need be no concern about keeping profits down, but it is very plain that if the city uses lower rates they will have less annual revenue to count on, and losses will be still more.

Therefore, if those who are urging you to vote for a city plant should suggest or promise lower rates to catch votes, you may be very sure it will make failure that much more certain.

If you have not checked with your pencil the figures we have given you herein, please do so, in order that you may be as sure as we are that the proposed municipal light plant would be doomed to miserable financial failure, leaving the citizens and the city of Grayling (but not the machinery people, nor the engineers) holding the empty sack—and with a big debt still to pay off through taxes.

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In spite of heavy snow, which has hampered setting of the poles, the crew of twelve enrollees under direction of Devine Ander-

son, Jr., foreman, has the job one-third completed. It is expected that the phone line will be finished and serve the towermen during the 1939 fire season. The new line, sponsored by Field Administration Division of the De-

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